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Letter dated 13 April 1999 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the English translation of the note verbale dated 12 April 1999 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran addressed to the Embassy of the Republic of Iraq in Tehran concerning the assassination of Major General Ali Sayyad Shirazi, Deputy Chief of the Joint Staff Command of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, by the Iraq-based MKO terrorist group on 10 April 1999 in front of his residence.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 161 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mehdi DANESH-YAZDI
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ANNEX

Note verbale dated 12 April 1999 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Embassy of Iraq in Tehran

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran presents its compliments to the Embassy of Iraq in Tehran and has the honour to state the following:

The terrorist group MKO, having its command headquarters in Baghdad, has claimed responsibility for the terrorist act resulting in the martyrdom of Major General Ali Sayyad Shirazi, one of the high-ranking commanders of the armed forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in front of his residence in Tehran on 10 April 1999.

In view of the fact that this group plans its terrorist acts in Baghdad and that such acts, which are disruptive of the security of Iraq's neighbouring country, the Islamic Republic of Iran, could not be planned without coordination with the Iraqi authorities, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran protests strongly against hosting and organizing the MKO terrorist group as well as against provision of facilities to them and aiding and abetting them in carrying out terrorist acts, and calls upon the Government of Iraq to identify and extradite those responsible for masterminding this terrorist act and to desist from aiding, abetting and organizing this terrorist group.

The Islamic Republic of Iran reserves its right to legitimate defence with a view to safeguarding its security against terrorist acts.